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Notice to Applicant

This communication is in response to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) decision on 8/31/2009. Claims 68-69, 71-77, 79-87, 90-92, 95-96, 98-104, 106-114, 117-119 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris Thompson on 10/27/2009.

During the interview conducted on 10/27/2009 between the Examiner and the attorney on the record, Mr. Thompson, the application has been amended as follow:

Please amend claim 95 as follows:

At line 10, please amend" creating by a computer system one or more reinsurance business process subclasses from classes of objects of the reinsurance business process framework, wherein the one or more reinsurance business process subclasses inherit one or more of the hook methods of the reinsurance business process framework"

At line 35, please amend "automatically generating reinsurance process objects by said computer system as defined by the combined reinsurance business process subclasses when one or more of the application programs are initiated"

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 68-69, 71-77, 79-87, 90-92, 95-96, 98-104, 106-114, 117-119 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reason for allowance of these claims is the inclusion of the limitations, in all of the claims which is not found in the prior art references, of "a computer-readable medium including program instructions for developing a reinsurance administration system for reinsurance contracts, wherein the program instructions are computer executable to implement a method of: obtaining a reinsurance business process framework, wherein the reinsurance framework includes classes of objects designed for a reinsurance administration system and a designated order for executing steps in one or more applications programs, the steps including pre-execution, data entry, data validation, pre-commission, commission, and post-commission; reinsurance business process subclasses are created from the classes of objects and combined to build one or more application programs for the reinsurance administration system, the order for executing steps in the application programs is the designated order for the framework and the method further includes executing one or more of the application programs.

The prior art teach:

Apparatus and method for transparent application of service to business objects,
Copeland et al., US 5946694 A,

Automated method for identification of reinsurance claims, McCormack et al., US
6049773 A,

Object oriented programming system with objects for dynamically connecting
functioning programming objects with objects for general purpose operations, LeBlanc
et al., US 6694506 B1,

Pree, W. "Meta Patterns-A Means For Capturing the Essential of Reusable
Object-Oriented Design", (ECOOP'94-info.uni-karlsruhe.de).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to DILEK B. COBANOGU whose telephone number is
(571)272-8295. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Christopher L. Gilligan can be reached on 571-272-6770. The fax phone
number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-
273-8300.

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